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Special Prayers Invited for our Discernment Team and Vestry



Beginning this week and in the coming weeks, Grace Church's discernment team and vestry will be making final decisions to select Grace's next rector. And our candidates will be doing their own discernment about whether they have a call to serve Grace.

So, for these next few weeks I invite you to be especially intentional about praying for our team, the Vestry and our candidates. Each day set aside a time to hold them in your prayer in silence. If you would like to say a prayer here is something to offer each day.

A prayer for discernment and decision making:

Almighty God, you know the needs of your Church in every place: look graciously upon us, the people of Grace Church, and grant us the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we seek a new rector for this parish.

Guide the members of our Discernment Team, as they labor to be faithful in seeking your will. Be with our vestry as they engage in discernment in a new way.

Be present with those considering a call to serve at Grace Church, that they may listen to your Spirit and follow where you lead.

Bless all those with a part in making this decision with mutual trust and respect.

We pray for the life of our parish, that we may continue to be strengthened in our mission to be Jesus Christ's heart, hands and feet to our neighbors no matter where they are on their journey of faith.

All this we ask as we walk in your ways to the glory of your name. Amen.

Please remember that our Discernment Team and Vestry have a responsibility to observe confidentiality in this process, and so can't share with you any details about candidates or conversations. They do appreciate your prayers though!

Grace Church Youth Building Homes in Wisconsin This Week

Young people from Grace Church leave Sunday on their annual home building service trip.



This year they'll be working with Habitat for Humanity in West Bend, Wisconsin. Please keep them in your prayers for safe travel and a fruitful sharing of Christ's compassion.

Join us next Sunday to hear more about what they accomplished during their week away. The Mission trip youth participants: Audrey Casey, Jacob Daus, Logan Huyette, Addie Ludbrook, Sydney Ludbrook, Bryan Murphy, Noni Murphy, Nora Woodruff. The Mission trip chaperones: Kathy Davis, Richard Russell and Brent VanConia. The organizer of this trip is Mike Heyer.

Front Parking Lot Sealing

For the first time in 13 years, we are sealing the parking lot on **Monday, June 5**. This means it will be closed to all use that one day.

Monday night or Tuesday night the stripers will be repainting the stripes. The lot will be open for use on Tuesday morning at 6am. The paving company owner says he will personally open it up! Please be tolerant of the workers, they are doing hot work on a hot day!

The Ordination of Ryan Missel

Ryan Missel will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests on **Saturday, June 3rd at 11 a.m. at Christ Church Cathedral.**



If you can't be with us in-person, please join us online via the diocesan website, Facebook or YouTube pages:

- [diocesemo.org](https://www.diocesemo.org)
- [Facebook.com/EpiscopalDioceseofMissouri](https://www.facebook.com/EpiscopalDioceseofMissouri)
- [YouTube.com/EpiscopalDioceseofMissouri](https://www.youtube.com/EpiscopalDioceseofMissouri)

Please keep Ryan in your prayers as he prepares for this important step in his life and in the life of the Church. **Ryan will celebrate at both services here at Grace on June 4th** and there will be a reception to follow at both coffee hours. Join us to congratulate Ryan!

Grace Church *Wear Orange Day*

WEAR  ORANGE

The weekend of **June 2-4, 2023**, Episcopal Churches across the Diocese of Missouri are invited to participate in *Wear Orange Day* in honor of victims and survivors of gun violence across our country. *Wear Orange Day* was born out of a tragic shooting in Chicago.

Thousands of people across the country will wear the color orange to honor the more than 40,000 people who are killed with guns and approximately 85,000 who are shot and wounded every year.

You are invited to a diocesan Prayer Service of Remembrance and Lament **Today at 6 p.m. at Tower Grove Park in Humboldt South shelter**. Bishop Deon will lead us in prayer as we remember those who have died and those whose lives are forever scarred by gun violence. Information will be available about steps you can take to work toward gun violence prevention. Free gun locks will be available as well as information on gun safety for families.

Prayer Service Friday, June 2

On **Sunday, June 4th** we will observe *Wear Orange Sunday* here at Grace. Bishop Deon has invited us all to wear orange, to offer prayers of lament, to light candles of hope, and to work for change. We will stand united in our call to end gun violence as we gather for our worship services on *Wear Orange Sunday*.

Wear Orange Sunday

About The Parish Family

Congratulations to our baptismal families. James William, Maverick James, and Mars Lillian West who were baptized at the 10 a.m. service on the Day of Pentecost, May 28. They are the children of Margaret Lillmars Bailey and James West. The proud grandparents are Mike Lillmars and Amy Kilpatrick. We welcome the newly baptized and their families to our parish family.

Take “Flat Jesus” With You

This summer as school is out and Sunday School takes a break, we would like to keep the youth engaged by taking photos of themselves with a print out of *Flat Jesus*. This project was based on the children’s book by Jeff Brown called *Flat Stanley*, that helped kids with literacy while teaching about traveling to different places & seeing the people that live there.



We’ll place printouts of *Flat Jesus* on the Narthex table for the youth to take home and color and bring with them when going on summer outings or travel. You may share photos of your child or teen with *Flat Jesus* on our [Facebook page](#) at at or [email photos](#) to to share your adventures!

The Emery Washington Softball Tournament

The Emery Washington Convocation is having its annual Softball competition **June 9-10**. It would be great if Grace could field a team and join in the friendly rivalry.

If there are parishioners who wish to play, but don't have enough players for a team, we can build a joint team from other Churches. It should be fun!

This year's competition takes place at **Tower Grove Park, Friday June 9, 6 - 8 p.m. and Saturday, June 10, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

If you are interested, please contact **Rev. Tom Albinson**

Dismantling Racism Workshop

Friday, June 9, 2023, 9:00 AM

The Diocesan Dismantling Racism Commission leads a 14-hour training grounded in Biblical scripture and based on Episcopal Church teaching. The training is open to all persons who would like to deepen their understanding of racism, prejudice, and privilege — and begin to define strategies to confront those issues in our society today.



These workshops are mandatory for clergy, wardens, and other designated leaders of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, but will be valuable for anyone. There is no cost for this training; lunch, beverages, and snacks are included. Registration is required (see below). Child care is available with registration. Image by Freepik

Please register [HERE](#) no later than Today, JUNE 2

**Trinity Sunday
June 4, 2023
8 a.m. & 10 a.m.**

You may also join us at 10 a.m. through [Facebook @GraceChurchKirkwood](#) or on our webpage at www.GraceKirkwood.org

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Nursery Sunday hours are 8:45 a.m until 11:15 a.m. each Sunday.

Beyond Our Walls

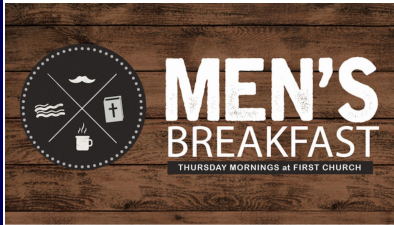
Fill the Hunger Barrel

Please remember our neighbors in need. Drop your non-perishable food items in Grace's red hunger barrel in Albright Parish Hall each Sunday.

Your donations will be distributed through KirkCare and Trinity Episcopal Church food pantries.



Mark Your Calendar!



Men's Breakfast
Wednesdays 8 a.m.
Denny's in Sunset Hills



The Holy Eucharist
Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
Anointing of the Sick on the
First Tuesday of each month.
In the Chapel of the Apostles
(on the lower level)



Tuesday Book Group
meets at 10:00 a.m.
at the church and on
Zoom. We are reading
*A Woman of No
Importance: The Untold
Story of the American
Spy*
by Sonia Purnell. All are
welcome!

[Click here to learn more!](#)

Prayer List

Parish List

John Barrett
Jane & Henry Beers
Shirley Browne
Ethel Cromwell
Katie Conrad
Ginger Dokos
Eric Eickmeyer
David Fly
Bill Harrison
Douglas Jenkins
Mike Lillmars
Chris Manuel
Jim McKown
Steve Mika
Langen Neubacher
Marty O'Leary
Beverly Shands
Brooks Ward
Jane Webster
Eric Woodruff

Friends & Family

Rebecca Bonham
The Emmons family
Bruce Frailey

Birthdays



June 6

Katie Conrad
Chuck Huber
Hannah Pierce
Courtney Shands

June 7

Olive Thompson

June 9

Katie Mumm
Felicity Wethington

June 10

Allie Major
Alice Pierce
Don Schaper

Anniversaries

June 4

Lucy & Ron Ryan

June 5

Carrie Gurley
Martha Ramsay Huff
Michael & Mary Leiweke
Ken Mac
Fred McConnell
Jon McDaniel
Logan Nelson
Bob Shepherd
Allison Shortlane
Megan & the Taylor family

Bettina & Andrew Adams
June 9
Lindsay & Chad Amen



Our Prayer list requests and updates should be e-mailed to theparish office. Names will be left on the prayer list for one month unless the parish office is notified.

Note: the Intercession Prayer Book is now available for people to write their prayer requests.

Pastoral Care



Grace's clergy are available by appointment to discuss personal, pastoral, or spiritual matters; please call or email the clergy directly. The lay pastoral care team members are also available to visit and bring communion to those unable to be at church in person. Please let the clergy or Sara Losse know (saratlosse@yahoo.com) if you or someone you know in the congregation is in need of a pastoral visit.

If you have a concern that you would prefer to keep private, please let the clergy or Ruth Moore know (clesiem01@yahoo.com) so that she can put your need on the prayer chain. Throughout the week, members of the Grace Prayer Chain pray privately for the congregation's special needs.

In case of a pastoral emergency, please call the parish office at 314-821-1806. A priest is on call at all times. In case of hospitalization, when a church member is near death or has died, please notify the clergy as soon as possible so that we may minister to you and your family with prayers and anointing.

Transition Prayer

Almighty God, who knows our needs even before we ask, grant us a spirit of faith and courage, that we may have the strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; look graciously on this parish family and send forth your Holy Spirit to guide us to be of one heart and mind, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



Online Giving

We are grateful to everyone who is keeping their pledge current. Your generosity is gratifying and inspiring. To give online please click the link below and checks may be mailed to 514 East Argonne, Kirkwood, MO 63122. If you are out of work and unable to make your pledge, we understand. Please let the parish office know.

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